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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name .

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a U.S. patent is sought on the invention entitled MN GENE AND PROTEIN, the specification of which was filed on October 22, 1999 as PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/24879.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of the United States applications listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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